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**Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State  
Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers  
Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314**

**New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' Annual Certification for  
United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a  
CenturyLink**

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On December 18, 2013, pursuant to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities' ("Board") Order dated November 20, 2012 in Docket No. TO12090874, United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") filed with the Board a semi-annual report on its use of Universal Service Support high-cost funds ("USHCS") funds. The report was due on January 1, 2014. No. of Copies rec'd 0  
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On June 23, 2014, pursuant to section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("the Act") and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, CenturyLink filed a verified petition with the Board, under Docket No. TO12090874, requesting that the Board file a certification with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Fund Administrator, stating that CenturyLink's use of USHCS funds is consistent with the purposes for which such funds may be used, according

to federal law, and that all federal universal fund support provided to CenturyLink within the State of New Jersey was used in the preceding calendar year 2013 and will be used in the coming calendar year 2015 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

CenturyLink has filed the following information:

- A- Cost Support Response Form for 2014 and supporting schedules of CenturyLink prepared as of June 23, 2014 (schedules for 2014 pro forma and 2015 projected).
- B- Affidavit of David Cole, Senior Vice President-Operations Support and Control of CenturyLink, certifying that federal high cost support funds received by CenturyLink in calendar years 2013 and 2015 have been and will be used in compliance with applicable consumer protection rules, with service quality standards, emergency Carrier certification, frozen support certification, and accuracy of annual reporting of Connect America Fund recipients Certification.
- C- An annual report filing of FCC Form 481, Carrier Annual reporting by CenturyLink. The report provides service quality improvement reporting, outage reporting, conditions for lifeline customers and other pertinent broadband and voice data.
- D- Form of newspaper publication of notice of this filing.

Having reviewed the petition and the information submitted in support thereof, Board Staff noted the affidavit of CenturyLink's Senior Vice President-Operations Support and Control certifying that it used and will use funds only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services intended. Also, given that no party has commented negatively to CenturyLink's continued use of federal USHCS funds after newspaper publications on July 10, 2014, Board Staff submits that CenturyLink used and will use the federal USHCS funds it receives during 2015 for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended, as required by section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 et seq. Accordingly, I hereby submit this Certification, as authorized by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



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Acting Director of Telecommunications